



It Looks a Lot Like Love

Don't Go to Church-Part 4

John 13-17

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What Does a 'BE-the-Church' Church Look Like?

One Word: LOVE!

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 13:34-35

- Love is What Everybody EXPECTS...

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:9-13

- Love is CATCHING...

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. v.12

- Love is GIVING...

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. v. 13

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. John 17:20-23

- Love is Finding the UNITY that Transcends Our DIVERSITY...

so that they may be brought to complete unity. v. 23

- Love is PROOF!

...that the world may believe that you have sent me. v. 21

Then the world will know that you sent me... v. 23

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end... Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. John 13:1, 3-4

Love SERVES...

- When NOBODY Else Will...

- When It Doesn't HAVE TO ...